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Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

1. Attached is unprocessed report submitted by C J divided into following sections:

a) ARMED FORCES

(1) A portion of the report deals with the force of allegedly some 20,000 fighters which is being organized by the Mu'ti under the banner of the "Holy Army". Mu'ti's recruiting agents are said to be:

AKRAM al-DIN

Uthman al-Husseini Zaidy

SHARAF al-Din al-Husseini

AMIN al-Husseini al-Husseini

(2) Recruitment of Bedouins in areas under Egyptian control.

(3) Reorganization of Fawaz forces. Fawaz's efforts to have Abdullah eliminated from the Military Committee of the Arab League.

(4) Mustafa Pasha's activities as recruiting officer for Abdullah.

b) TROOP MOVEMENTS -

ZACHAROV bitterly complained re item (c) as a breach of treaty.

c) SUPPLY

It is possible that supplies and equipment listed were sent by Great Britain under the terms of the treaty.

d) ARAB POLITICS - Reported under C J, para 2.

e) HASHIMITE ARMY - Potential appointment of MUSTAFA HASHIM PASHA reported under C J.

Formation of "Hashemite Battalion" under the command of EMIR YALIF reported in the Palestine Post, 7 September 1948.

There is no indication of Prig YASH being in disfavor.

f) PEACE NEGOTIATIONS - Second part reported under C J.

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Armed Forces.

The main element of the Arab military division and those of units with no formal status of command and also with a view to the organization of the forces. In the country, however, this process has been one of the formation and organization of irregulars into armed bands for the purpose of conducting guerrilla warfare. These bands fall into separate categories as far as direction is concerned, there appears to be little or no co-ordination between them, and although they are all constituted with the same purpose in view (aggressive war against the Jews) each band may be regarded as having a secondary or ulterior motive of its own.

- a) The most extensively recruited and widespread is the following of the ex-Hufti - under the banner of "Holy Army" - which claims a total strength of 40,000 fighters trained in guerrilla tactics. The lack of funds, the shortage of arms, the absence of medical services are tending to handicap existence; in addition, in some areas - especially those under the command of Abdullah - activities are necessarily subversive. Among his main recruiting agents are: Akram El Fadi; ^{Abdullah 2nd son} ~~Abdullah 1st son~~ Zubeira; ~~Abdullah 3rd son~~ ^{Abdullah 4th son} ~~Abdullah 5th son~~ and Akram Huseini.

b) In zones over which the Egyptian Army has assumed control, the local Beduin are being recruited by army officers, with the object of establishing commando units. These zones are mainly in the Gaza-Majdal area.

c) In Galilee, the remnants of Azzabi's force are being organized under the auspices of regular officers of the Lebanese and Syria. Azzabi himself, now again out of favour with Abdullah, is endeavouring to curry favour with the governments of Lebanon and Syria. He is also recruiting Abdullah for the failure of the Arab Armies in Palestine, and has suggested that he is in the military committee of the Arab League, eliminating Abdullah.

d) In the Jerusalem and Latrun areas, recruitment is being undertaken by the Arab Legion, for garrison duties and auxiliary services. In addition, the

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